

## ABSTRACT

The terminal operation apparatus of the present invention is used for an electronic conference and the like, in which an operated terminal having a shared screen is remotely operated through a network, the amount of information flowing through the network is adjusted, and continuity of an operation between the operated terminal and the operating terminal is kept, whereby operability is enhanced. Timers 72 and 73 or a point information detection counter 74 are used to transmit detailed point information with a decreased thinning ratio to the operated terminal for a predetermined period of time after the point information is inputted. A thinning ratio is set in accordance with a pointer movement speed and priorities (the order of connection, a CPU use ratio, whether or not an operation authority is obtained, etc.) among operators. Furthermore, an operation area of a operated terminal is provided, a pointer is displayed at a relative position on a shared screen, and a pointer is prevented from being unintentionally positioned off an area by setting a particular operation and the like for retreating from the operation area of the operated terminal. An inlet area and an outlet area are provided on a display screen of the operating terminal and a shared screen, respectively, whereby a pointer operation target is automatically switched to ensure continuity of a pointer operation.